Payment of Pension

5406. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of non payment of pension/ gratuity etc. of the employees of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) pending for more than one year;

(b) whether FCI, Zonal Office (North) has received some representations from Asstt. Manager (QC) in this regard during the last two years;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in the payment of their dues; and

(d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) As on 20.8.1996, 52 cases were pending for payment of pension/Death Cum Retirement Gratuity for more than one year. Out of these, 22 cases have already been forwarded to the concerned Pay & Accounts Offices for payment.

Details of thirty remaining cases are :

(i)	Court cases	9
(ii)	Non-availability of service records	12
(iii)	Incomplete documents of the claimants	5
(iv)	Others	4
	Total	30

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Two retired Asstt. Managers (QC) had made representations. One case has been returned by Pay and Accounts Office in April, 96 for meeting certain deficiencies. The other case was held up for want of final fixation of salary on promotion in the rank of the Deputy Manager.

(d) Government instructions on finalisation of pension cases are very clear. FCI has been following these instructions. However, some times non-availability of service records, pending court cases, contrary claims by legal heirs of the deceased and options being under dispute, etc. retard the process of timely finalisation of the cases.

Termination of Telecom Employees in Madhya Pradesh

5407. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1990 about 1000 casual labourers were terminated from service from the Telecommunication Department in Madhya Pradesh, however, the court has given the verdict to re-employ them, inspite of that they are not taken back on their jobs resulting into agitation by Group-D employees of the department; and

(b) if so, action taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hindustan Copper Limited

5408. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Copper Limited have any proposal to invest about 1577 crores on a capacity expansion of its existing plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (d) Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) proposes to invest on its projects as under :

(i) Invest about Rs. 506 crores on Expansion of Khetri Smelter and Refinery Plant at Rajasthan from its existing capacity of 31,000 to 1,00,000 tpa;

(ii) About Rs. 700 crores on development of underground mine at Malanjkhand Copper Project in Madhya Pradesh; and

(iii) About Rs. 300 crores on development of Chapri-Sidheswar Deposit at Indian Copper Complex at Ghatsila, Bihar.

The implementation of their proposals will depend mainly upon availability of financial resources.

Alumina Plants in Andhra Pradesh

5409. SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU
SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some Alumina Plants during the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof; Statewise;

(c) whether any company has shown its interest in this work; and